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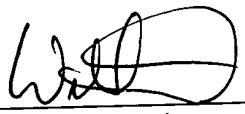
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RESPONSE

In Response to the Office Action mailed June 18, 2003, the period for response being until July 18, 2003, Applicant respectfully submits the following remarks.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above identified patent application is respectfully requested. As set forth in more detail below, Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement. If the restriction requirement between Group I and Group is maintained, Applicants provisionally elect to proceed with the prosecution of the Group II claims, namely claims 1-22. If the restriction requirement between Species I and Species II is maintained, Applicants provisionally elect to proceed with the prosecution of the Species II claims, namely claims 1-34 (or claims 1-22 if the restriction requirement between Group I and Group II is maintained).

It is asserted that the pending application is directed to the following patentably distinct inventions:

Group I: Claims 23-34, drawn to a process for making a container.